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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Security Branch, IFD

SUBJECT : Request for CHALICE Clearance--Mr. Edwin Webb Martin,  
Director of China Affairs, Bureau of Far Eastern  
Affairs, Department of State

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1. In the aftermath of Mr. Bissell's recent briefing of principal Department of State officials on CHALICE and the "T" Program, Ambassador Cumming phoned 2 December to request a CHALICE clearance on Mr. Martin. He said that he had discussed this clearance request with Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs, Mr. Jeff Parsons, and they were in agreement that it would be highly useful. At the same time, Mr. Cumming informed me that "a "T" clearance has been initiated on Mr. Martin and should soon reach [redacted]

2. Mr. Cumming said that Mr. Martin's clearance request was closely analogous to one obtained some time ago for Mr. Richard Mallock Davis, Director, Office of Soviet Affairs, Department of State. I personally believe we can expect a considerable interest in CHALICE and "T" matters within the Far Eastern area in State as a result of some of the startling material developed within the last year by CHALICE out there. Mr. Cumming added that he felt that at the cost of a few key clearances in the Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs we could reduce misunderstanding on BDI intelligence estimates as well as D/I&R estimates by a considerable factor.

3. I would ask that you clear this gentleman as expeditiously as possible and advise me without delay when his clearance is through.

State Dept. review completed

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Chief, Administrative Branch  
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